

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
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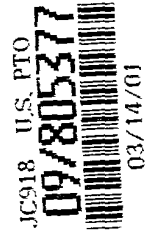
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROTECTING AN OPTICAL ROUTE**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
26 pages of specification and claims including  
13 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
6 sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.  
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.

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Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

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